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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Brian D Nguyen

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on the application filed 11/20/00.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-11, 13-21, 23-26 and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 12, 22 and 27 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 13 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 6.

When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 1-2, 6-9, 13-19, 23-24, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by the admitted prior art (APA) (figure 1 and page 2 of the specification).

Regarding claim 1, the APA discloses a cellular communication system comprising establishing a PPP connection; starting a timer set to expire after a predetermined period of time (9000 second); attempting an MIP registration; keeping alive the PPP connection until an expiration of the predetermined period of time of the PPP timer upon detecting an unsuccessful MIP registration; whereby the MN cab attempt at least one additional MIP registration during the predetermined period of time following the unsuccessful MIP registration (see steps 20, 22, 24, 26, 30, and 32 of figure 1 and page 2, lines 6-20).

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Regarding claim 2, steps i) and ii) are the standard registering steps in CDMA 2000 standard.

Regarding claims 6, 13, the APA discloses terminating the PPP connection (see step 34 of figure 1 and page 2, lines 16-22).

Claims 7-9 are system claims that have substantially all the limitations of the respective method claims 1-2, 6, and 13. Therefor, they are subject to the same rejection.

Claims 14-19 and 23 are apparatus claims that have substantially all the limitations of the respective method claims 1-2, 6, and 13. Therefor, they are subject to the same rejection.

Claims 24 and 28 are method claims that have substantially all the limitations of the method claims 1-2, 6, and 13. Therefor, they are subject to the same rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 3-4, 10-11, 20-21, and 25-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art (APA) (figure 1 and page 2 of the specification).

Regarding claim 3-4, the APA discloses the timer sets at 9000 seconds. However, it is obvious to set the timer at any time period. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to set the timer at a different time period to meet the design criteria of a particular implementation.

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Claims 10-11 are system claims that have substantially all the limitations of the respective method claims 3-4. Therefor, they are subject to the same rejection.

Claims 20-21 are apparatus claims that have substantially all the limitations of the respective method claims 3-4. Therefor, they are subject to the same rejection.

Claims 25-26 are method claims that have substantially all the limitations of the method claims 3-4. Therefor, they are subject to the same rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 5, 12, 22, and 27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian D Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-5133. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-6:00 Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Olms can be reached on (703) 305-4703. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Nguyen', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Brian Nguyen
3/18/04